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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
12:30 p.m.: Morning Hour 2:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	7:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (7 bills):

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 144** - Expressing the sense of Congress that Dinah Washington should be recognized for her achievements as one of the most talented vocalists in American popular music history (*Rep. Rangel - Education and the Workforce*)
- 2) **H.Res. 704** - Congratulating the California State University, Fullerton Titans baseball team for winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series (*Rep. Royce - Education and the Workforce*)
- 3) **S. 1167** - To resolve the boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri (*Sen. Bond - Agriculture*)
- 4) **H.Res. 646** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Community Health Center Week to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers (*Rep. Davis {IL} - Government Reform*)
- 5) **H.Res. 684** - Honoring David Scott Tidmarsh, the 2004 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion (*Rep. Chocola - Government Reform*)
- 6) **H.Res. 702** - Honoring former President Gerald R. Ford on the occasion of his 91st birthday and extending the best wishes of the House of Representatives to former President Ford and his family (*Rep. Dingell - Government Reform*)
- 7) **H.R. 4380** - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4737 Mile Stretch Drive in Holiday, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Post Office Building" (*Rep. Bilirakis - Government Reform*)

H.Res.710 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4766 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Linder / Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Under the rule, only amendments that do not require waivers of points of order are permitted. The Rule does waive all points of order against one amendment:

- **Hyde Amendment (20 minutes).** This amendment modifies Section 501 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 by adding "Doug Bereuter And" to the title of the "John Ogonowski Farmer-to-Farmer Program," administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

H.R. 4755 - Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Kingston - Appropriations) (Structured Rule). This bill provides \$2.75 billion in new appropriations for the legislative branch in FY05. This bill includes \$1.04 billion for the operation of the U.S. House of Representatives; \$232 million for the Capitol Police; \$272 million for the Architect of the Capitol; \$35 million for the Congressional Budget Office; \$543 for the Library of Congress; \$474 million for the General Accounting Office; and \$121 million for the Government Printing Office.

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The Rule adopted last week makes in order two amendments:

- **Holt Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would add \$30 million to the salaries and expense account of the General Accounting Office (GAO) to establish within GAO a Center for Science and Technology Assessment. This amendment offsets this increase by reducing \$15 million from the general administration account from the Architect of the Capitol and reducing \$15 million from the congressional printing and binding account of the Government Printing Office.
- **Hefley Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would provide that each amount appropriated or otherwise made available in the Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law be reduced by 1%.

H.R. 4766 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Bonilla - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule - General Debate Only). This bill provides \$83.1 billion in new for FY05, which is \$3.4 billion below the FY04 level. Funding highlights in this bill include: \$50.23 billion for Domestic Food Programs (\$33.63 billion for the Food Stamp Program; \$11.38 billion for Child Nutrition Programs; \$4.9 billion for WIC); \$27.01 billion for Agricultural Programs (\$16.45 billion for the Commodity Credit Corporation; \$4.09 billion for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund; \$1.53 billion for the Farm Assistance Program; \$1.25 billion for Agricultural Research Service; \$813 million for Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service); \$2.36 billion for Rural Development Programs; \$1.5 billion for Foreign Aid and Export Programs; \$1.46 billion for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); and \$993 million for Conservation Programs. This bill also includes a provision that prevents the FDA from blocking the re-importation of prescription medicines from other countries (the Medicare law enacted last year only permits the importation of such drugs upon the certification of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, which Secretary Thompson has refused to do).

Today, the House is expected to complete general debate on H.R. 4766. Tomorrow, the House will consider germane amendments to this bill and will also vote on final passage.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Tuesday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for morning hour and 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House will complete consideration of **H.R. 4766** - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Bonilla - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule)

Daily Quote...

"Much of the economy is beyond the control of any president. But shoring up the general welfare is not. Mr. Bush had a responsibility to expand the social safety net - extend unemployment benefits, create access to health care - for those Americans who are falling further behind, despite their best efforts. Instead, the president has coddled the wealthy."

- Cynthia Tucker in the *Baltimore Sun* today